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Title : BONE MORPHOGENETIC PROTEIN ANTAGONIST BASED ON THE MATURE PROTEIN

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Director of the United States Patent  
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Dear Sir:

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 5 of this paper.